

APAA Tenants Handbook

Changes proposed for AGM 20 July 2024

The Committee proposes the following amendments. Proposed changes are in bold type.

Changes to Local Rules, published in the APAA Tenants Handbook.

6 Maintenance of plot perimeters becomes **Plot perimeters**

6.4 No items or materials should be leaned against boundary fences, in order to prevent damage and permit inspection or repair. Add **Any new structures erected must be situated at least one metre from the boundary fence in order a) to allow maintenance of both the fence and the fence side of the structure and b) to ensure that no intruder can gain access to the site by climbing onto a structure too near the fence.**

10 Plot inspections becomes **Your plot and inspections**

10.2 Tenants are not allowed to use any kind of fabric or other non-biodegradable barrier underneath growing areas.

14 Trees

14.1 **Delete**

You are allowed to plant fruit trees on your allotment garden. However, new fruit trees should be on dwarf rootstock restricting the height of the tree to 3m maximum and should not be planted where they will shade any neighbouring plot.

Replace with:

Tenants are only allowed to plant edible fruit trees e.g, nuts, berries and fruit on their plot. No other trees are permitted.

- Edible fruit trees together should not take up more than 50% of the cultivatable area on the tenant's plot, subject to local site rules.
 - All new edible fruit trees must be on M9 or M26 dwarf rootstock restricting the height of the tree to 3m and should not be planted within 1.5m of a neighbouring plot, communal pathway or residential property.
 - All new edible fruit trees, should be planted in root control bags or similar to restrict growth and the spread of potentially invasive roots. Root control bags also provide for the easy removal of the trees within a 10 year period.
 - All existing trees should be kept at a maximum height of 3m after annual pruning.
 - The site association will consider removing inappropriate trees where possible before re-letting a vacated plot.
 - Please speak to the Site Secretary/ before buying and planting new edible fruit trees.
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